

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3750 - HB 3768

March 16, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits a state or local government from installing or maintaining traffic cameras to enforce speed limits after July 1, 2012.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease Local Revenue – Exceeds \$1,000,000

Other Fiscal Impact – An unknown amount of forgone local revenue resulting from local governments being prohibited from installing future traffic cameras for monitoring speeding violations.

Assumptions:

- Based on a 2011 Fiscal Review Committee survey, approximately \$5,594,100 in local government revenue is generated each year from all traffic enforcement cameras statewide.
- Public Chapter 425 of 2011 amended requirements related to traffic enforcement cameras and went into effect July 1, 2011. Public Chapter 425 provides that unmanned traffic enforcement cameras that monitor speed shall not be permitted on any public road or within one mile of a reduction of speed limits on such public road or highway of ten miles per hour or greater, except in school zones. Certain local government cameras were out of compliance with this Public Chapter.
- The amount of revenue collected from citations issued by traffic enforcement cameras under the new requirements is not yet known. The additional regulations in addition to a deterrent effect resulting from the cameras having been in place for over two years are assumed to reduce the number of citations issued as a result of traffic enforcement cameras.
- Preventing local governments from installing cameras in the future for speeding offenses could restrict local governments' ability to increase revenue; however, any increase in future revenue that would have occurred in the absence of the bill cannot be quantified.

- The Department of Safety does not operate any unmanned surveillance cameras for speed detection and does not receive any fines for this type of violation.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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